(c) by when the by-pass is likely to open for traffic?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI K. VIJAYA BHASKARA REDDY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The completion of this by-pass is linked with the.completion of major bridge across Kumbalam-Aroor and viaducts on either side of the road over bridge near Ponnurunni. The superstructure work of the Kumbalam-Aroor bridge is in progress and the details of viaducts on either side of the road over bridge near Poonurunni are being finalised by the State Public Works Department in consultation with the Railways, who will be executing the work. It is likely to be opened to traffic by December, 1987.

Setting. up of a Central Insecticides Laboratory

*451. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: WiH the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Central Insecticides Quality Testing Labouratory; if so, by when the construction work is likely to be completed;

(b) whether the sites for the proposed Regional Pesticides Quality Testing Laboratories have been selected;

(c) if so, by when these laboratories are likely to be set up; and

(d) what action Government have taken to reduce reliance on chemical pesticides?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) A Central Insecticides Laboratory has already been set up. The construction of its own building at Faridabad commenced on 17-11-1983. According to the indications 'given by tha Central Public Works Department, the likely date of the completion of the work undertaken is September, 1985.

(b) Five locations have been selected for setting up these Laboratories at Hyderabad. Calcutta, Bombay, Kanpur and Chandigarh. Sites by way of hiring buildings at Hyderabad and Chandigarh have been identified, and for the time being, two Laboratories at Bombay and Calcutta are being established in the existing offices of Ministry of Agriculture. In case of Kanpur, sanction for acquisition of land has been accorded.

(c) The setting up of these laboratories involves acquisition of land/ building, purchase of equipment, recruitment of staff etc. The Government's effort is to make these laboratories functional at the earliest.

(d) Both the Central and Stale Governments have initiated action for popularisation Of Integrated Pest Management approach, which inter-*alia* includes components like use of resistant varieties, adoption of cultural, mechanical and bio-control methods besides judicious application of pesticides based On pest monitoring.

Failure of JNU to attract students

♦452. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of EDUCATION AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Statesman' of the 5th August, 1984, under the caption "JNU fails to attract students";

(b) whether this failure was due to the newly introduced admission policy in the Jawaharlal Nehru University; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND SOCIAL WELFARE (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) Yes, Sir.